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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3304

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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CINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1565

DOD FOR ISA; CINCEUR FOR J-2

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, UR

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SOVIET CHIEF OF STAFF TO SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 1473

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PEKIC ADVISED APRIL 28 THAT ALTHOUGH SOVIET COS KULIKOV CAME TO DAMASCUS LAST WEEK IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION WHICH SYRIAN COS SHIHABI HAD EXTENDED LAST JANUARY, THE TIMING OF THE VISIT HAD BEEN MOSCOW'S CHOICE. PEKIC INTERPRETED THE VISIT AS PART OF MOSCOW'S CURRENT ORCHESTRATION OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES, IN THIS CASE UNDERLINING ITS INTEREST IN SYRIA'S MILITARY STRENGTH.

2. ASKED HOW HE INTERPRETED THE STATEMENT IN THE KHADDAM-GROMYKO COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZING SYRIA'S RIGHT TO USE "ALL MEANS" TO REGAIN ITS TERRITORIES, PEKIC REPLIED  
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WE SHOULD NOT SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN THIS. HE KNEW THE

STATEMENT WAS INCLUDED AT KHADDAM'S REQUEST BUT IT WAS  
A ROUTINE STATEMENT WHICH APPEARED IN EARLIER  
SYRIAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE. IN PEKIC'S OPINION THIS  
STATEMENT IN NO WAY INDICATED SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT  
TO SYRIA TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ITS MILITARY OPTION.  
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